



ENVISION ARLINGTON FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP  
Meeting Minutes  
7:30 PM 2/18/21

On Line via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), David Brian Hasbrouck, Jonathan Houghton, Heather Remoff, Janet Pagliuca, Chris Moore, Mike DeLisi, Pete Howard (Secretary), Guillermo Hamlin

1. Gordon reviewed the open meeting rules for Zoom meetings as put out by the Governor Baker.
2. Gordon walked the group through a document that Pete roughed out and Gordon is filling in. The document reviews the series of investigations starting about two years ago and leading to the work discussed last month and again at this meeting.
3. Last month Jonathan showed results of his analysis of a large amount of data provided by the Assessor at Gordon's request. Jonathan had developed an assessment model for all the single family properties. This model predicts an average assessment for any combination of property characteristics such as floor area, land area, age. When compared to the actual assessment he obtained a measure of assessment consistency. Last month he showed results for all the single family properties in each of the 12 zones. In each zone most properties agreed with the model but a few did not. This month after again describing his procedure a patiently answering questions, he presented similar results for 2 family houses. He tried to analyze condos but the results were not useful, perhaps because there were not enough condos. Jonathon also tried to model commercial properties. These results were also not useful. This may be because there are few businesses or because there are 2 different bases for assessment: building value and business value.

Adjourned at 9:15.

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